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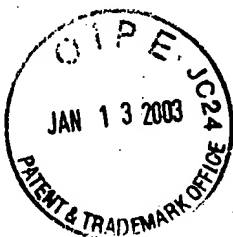
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For: Ear Coupler)

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Response to Office Action with Amendments

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the October 4, 2002 Office Action, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments

Please amend the following claims to read:

- 1.) (once amended) An ear coupler comprising:
- an annular side wall;
 - a bottom wall, integral with said annular side wall;
 - an internal chamber, formed by said bottom wall and said annular side wall;
 - a port in said annular side wall; and
 - a highly flexible flange extending from and substantially around said annular side wall.
- 6.) (once amended) The ear coupler according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said highly flexible flange is coated with adhesive, and wherein said highly flexible flange includes a barrier for containment of said adhesive.

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